

CITY of BEAVERTON

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STERLING POND RESTORATION WORK PARTY

- Save the Date, April 16, 2011, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm -

BEAVERTON, Ore. – One of the five Community Goals resulting from the Beaverton Community Vision Project is to Enhance Livability by:

- Protecting and enhancing natural areas, parks and open spaces
- Promoting city-wide beautification

The City renews its commitment by partnering with SOLV in sponsoring a work party for Sterling Park Pond, near SW Scholls Ferry Road & SW Loon Drive for Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Interested citizens are encouraged to register through the <u>SOLV</u> <u>website</u>. Questions for the City can be directed to <u>Mel Schultz</u> or by phone at 503.526.3701.

This party marks the third year of the rehabilitation project. Over 1350 shrubs and trees native to the area were planted this year to bring the total to over 3850 shrubs and trees planted on the 2 acre site. Saturday's activities include mulching around the plants in order to improve their survival from the elements.

ABOUT SOLV

SOLV is a non-profit organization that brings together individual volunteers, service and conservation groups, businesses and government agencies in activities to restore our natural spaces and provide educational opportunities to encourage environmental stewardship. Governor Tom McCall and other community leaders established SOLV in 1969. They saw the need for community action to address problems in the ever-growing state. Today SOLV is building on their vision with a strategic plan that will guide us as we work to improve the environment of Oregon and build a legacy of stewardship.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a "Smarter City" energy leader by the Natural Resources Defense Council and one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America by Money magazine. In addition, Beaverton has been named one of the safest cities in the Pacific Northwest for three consecutive years, as one of the best places to raise kids by BusinessWeek magazine, an All-America City finalist, one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America by Prevention magazine, the Recycler of the Year from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, a Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community designation by the League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Communities. Beaverton also enjoys one of the most diverse populations among Oregon cities. For more information, please visit www.beavertonoregon.gov.

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